

HB 579
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DATE 03/11/2013
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Outline
Legislative Comments
March 8, 2013

A. Introduce the MDA

1. Purpose
2. Formed under Chamber to create a unified voice from GF
2. Membership
 - Key stakeholders
 - Retired military
 - Business

B. Military Advocacy Groundwork

1. Executive Board Members Executive team
 - Association of Defense Communities
 - Chief of Staff Air Force Commanders Group
 - Commanders Group Global Strike Command
 - Nation effort nuclear Strategic Deterrent Coalition
 - Strong partnership with Office of Economic Adjustment
 - JLUS – Commissioner Joe Briggs commonly used as a presenter
2. Members meet regularly with congressional staff, Pentagon official, base leadership
 - Use information to refine GF support position

C. MTDA Supports concept

1. Statewide Involvement is important
2. Already reached out to Governors office and asked for funding

D. Proposed Amendments

- ~~Access to money, Under Lt. Gov. Walsh for determination as necessary~~
Seat at the table, Voting

E. MTDA

The group will continue
Too much progress to stop
Greatest concern is mixed message from local, county, state
State will need key stake holders at the table regardless



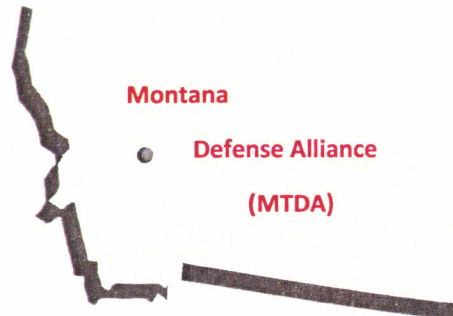
Montana Defense Alliance (MTDA)

2012-2013

The Montana Defense Alliance works for military missions throughout Montana in the best interest of Montana and National Security .

Responding to issues that impact missions, manpower, facilities and economy at the State, County and City levels.

All Year, Every Year



The purpose of MTDA is to represent local and statewide military interests with one voice and a single message. MTDA's key stakeholders include Cascade County, the City of Great Falls, Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, the Great Falls International Airport, and Great Falls Development Authority. These primary community stakeholders are committed to support, retain, attract, and enhance military missions locally and throughout Montana. In order to accomplish our mission, we depend on MTDA memberships to support our efforts. It is an investment in the future of our national security, Montana's economic base and the men and women who serve faithfully every day.



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